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BRIEF 01 [REDACTED] DIRECTOR [REDACTED]
TO: LATIN AMERICA BRIEF [REDACTED]

LATIN AMERICA BRIEF [REDACTED] FOR 30 NOV 1979.

FROM: NFAC/OFFICE OF CURRENT OPERATIONS.

1. CHILE: INCREASED OPPOSITION ACTIVITY
2. [REDACTED]

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ITEMS.

1. CHILE: SOME 100 CHILEAN YOUTHS WERE ARRESTED THIS WEEK WHEN OPPOSITION FORCES TESTED THE GOVERNMENT'S TOLERANCE AS IT MOVES TOWARD LIBERALIZATION.

THOSE ARRESTED WERE MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH MOVEMENT OF FORMER PRESIDENT FREI'S CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY--THE REGIME'S CHIEF CRITIC--WHICH HAS BEEN INCREASING ITS ACTIVITIES. THE YOUTHS WERE ACCUSED OF UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY AND DISTRIBUTING PARTY LITERATURE; THEIR ACTIVITY

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PINOCHET HAS PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT RIGHTISTS MAY BE INVOLVED AND HAS PROMISED TO PUNISH THOSE RESPONSIBLE, WHATEVER THEIR IDEOLOGY. [REDACTED]

THE REGIME'S CLAIM TO LEGITIMACY RESTS ON ITS SUCCESS IN ENDING THE CHAOS OF THE ALLENDE ADMINISTRATION IT OVERTHREW IN 1973. RESTORING THE CONFIDENCE OF BOTH THE PUBLIC AND THE SECURITY FORCES WITHOUT ENGAGING IN EXCESSIVE REPRESSION WILL BE A DIFFICULT TASK. SOME CHURCH OFFICIALS HAVE ALREADY PROTESTED POLICE CRACKDOWNS, AND PRESS SPECULATION ABOUT OFFICIAL INVOLVEMENT IN SOME OF THE INCIDENTS COULD FOSTER ANTIREGIME FEELING. [REDACTED]

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